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TAGS: PORG, OAS, OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJ: CONCLUDING SECTION OF SECRETARY'S BILATERAL DINNER WITH
MEXICAN FONMIN ROEL

FOLLOWING IS EXPANSION OF NOTES ON LAST TWO PAGES OF ROEL
MEMCON YOU HAND CARRIED BACK TODAY.

1. THE WORST PROBLEM FACING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
SECRETARY VANCE SAID THE BULK OF OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE NOW GOES INTO POPULATION PROGRAMS BUT UN-
FORTUNATELY IT IS IN THE POOREST COUNTRIES THAT OPPOSITION
IS GREATEST TO BIRTH CONTROL. SECRETARY VANCE ASKED IF IT
WERE NOT POSSIBLE TO ARRIVE AT SOME GENERAL RULES OR SOME
SET OF STRUCTURES TO RESOLVE NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEMS. ROEL
REPLIED THAT FEAR IS EVIDENT AMONG THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
WHO ARE AFRAID THE POORER ONES WILL GET TOGETHER AND SOMEHOW
DEFEAT THEM. THIS FEAR COULD BE SENSED IN PARIS, BUT NOT
HERE AT THE OASGA. BEING ECONOMICALLY UNDERDEVELOPED,
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HE REMARKED, IS A FORM OF MENTAL UNDERDEVELOPMENT. HERE,
WHATEVER THEIR PROBLEMS, COUNTRIES ARE RELATIVELY
SOPHISTICATED AND CAN DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS SENSIBLY.

2. SECRETARY VANCE SAID THERE WAS NO COMMON GROUND AT
PARIS AND, THOUGH HE REALIZED IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, HE
HAD TRIED. FOREIGN MINISTER ROEL SAID, "I TOLD YOU

MEXICAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORTED IT WOULD NOT WORK;
I GAVE YOU MY REPORT". HE SAID PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
EDUCATED IN WESTERN UNIVERSITIES CAN TALK OUR LANGUAGE
AND ARE AWARE OF HOW THINGS WORK.

3. SECRETARY VANCE THEN SAID ROEL HAD TO RECOGNIZE
WHAT WE CAN AND CAN'T DO. HE ASKED THAT HE RECOGNIZE
THAT. ROEL SAID THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO TALK MATURELY
HERE BUT NOT IN PARIS. SECRETARY VANCE SAID CERTAIN
THINGS HAD BEEN AGREED UPON AT CIEC. HE ASKED WHAT
THINGS WERE NOT REALISTIC AND HAD TO BE DISCARDED AND
WHICH COULD BE WORKED ON FURTHER? HIS AIM WAS TO TRY
TO HELP POOR COUNTRIES. IN FACT, THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
COULD CARE LESS ABOUT THE POOREST AS AN AREA OF
INVESTMENT, IN GENERAL. ROEL REFERRED TO THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION'S POLITICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE ENERGY BILL
IN THE CONGRESS.

4. SECRETARY VANCE ASKED IF BETWEEN NOW AND THE UNGA IN
THE FALL ANY MULTILATERAL WAYS TO ATTACK PROBLEM COULD BE
FOUND? ROEL ASKED FOR TIME TO THINK IT OVER AND SAID
HE WOULD GIVE HIM HIS BEST THINKING. HE WOULD PREPARE
IT WELL.

5. ONLY SERIOUS TYPOS IN DRAFT SEEM TO BE:
PAGE 2, LINE 3 - HE HAD MET THE
PAGE3, LINE 4 - SELF
PAGE 4, LINE 15 - HELPED
PAGE 4, LINE 17 BECAUSE HE KNEW. MMCCEE
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